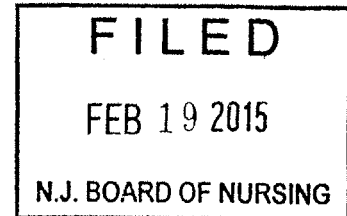


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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION	:	Administrative Action
OR RECOVATION OF THE LICENSEE OF	:	
	:	ORDER OF SUSPENSION
REGINA KOEPPPEL, R.N.	:	OF LICENSE
LICENSE # NO 07552500	:	
	:	
TO PRACTICE AS A REGISTERED	:	
NURSE (R.N.) IN THE	:	
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information indicating the following:

1. Respondent, Regina Koepfel is the holder of License No. NO 07552500 and is a registered nurse in the State of New Jersey.

2. Respondent entered into a private letter agreement with the Board which she signed on or about August 11, 2011.
(Exhibit A) The agreement required respondent to enroll in the Recovery and Monitoring Program of New Jersey (RAMP), undergo

evaluation and monitoring, agree to follow recommendations by RAMP for further treatment, and to refrain from the use of any and all potentially addictive substances. (Exhibit A, ¶¶2, 6, and 10) The agreement was to have the force and effect of a Board Order within the intendment of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4. In the event that the Board received reliable information that respondent had acted in violation of the RAMP contract and/or the agreement, the agreement was no longer to remain confidential.

3. In a communication dated December 1, 2014, Case Manager Donna Gillane of RAMP advised the Board that following a relapse, respondent entered both in-patient and intensive outpatient treatment and returned to RAMP after discharge from outpatient treatment on January 27, 2014. According to Ms. Gillane, since Ms. Koepfel rejoined RAMP respondent was noncompliant with RAMP monitoring requirements, as she missed telephoning to check in for screening a total of 46 times as of December 1, 2014, and did not appear for scheduled screenings on November 18, 2014 and November 21, 2014. (Exhibit B)

4. On or about January 15, 2015, a letter issued by overnight and regular mail to respondent at her address of record, advising respondent that the Board had received credible information indicating that she was not in compliance with the private letter agreement, and advising her to forward within

five days any proof that she was currently in compliance with RAMP. (Exhibit C)

5. The overnight mailing was delivered on January 16, 2015. (Exhibit C) No response has been received to date.

6. A certification from RAMP's director, Suzanne Kinkle, dated February 13, 2015 indicates that Ms. Koeppel ceased participation in RAMP as of November 6, 2014 and has not responded to RAMP's attempts to contact her. (Exhibit D)

7. The private letter agreement signed by respondent , which by its terms has the force and effect of a Board order within the intendment of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4, provided for automatic suspension of respondent's nursing license upon receipt of reliable information indicating that respondent has violated any term of the private letter agreement. (Exhibit A, ¶13)

9. The conduct indicated in paragraphs #3 and #6 above constitutes a violation of the terms of the private letter agreement, which provide grounds for the automatic suspension of respondent's license to practice nursing.

Accordingly,

IT IS on this 19th day of February , 2015
HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of New Jersey shall be and hereby is suspended for violation of the

private letter agreement, which is deemed a violation of a Board order within the intendment of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4 and N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e)).

2. Respondent may, under the terms of the private letter agreement, upon notice, request a hearing on the sole issue of whether the information received indicating that respondent has failed to comply with the terms of the private letter agreement was materially false.

3. In the event that respondent seeks reinstatement of her New Jersey nursing license at any future time, the Board shall not entertain any application for reinstatement without respondent's demonstrating that she is in full compliance with the terms and conditions of the private letter agreement and with any agreement with RAMP, and is fit and competent to practice nursing.

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